



TENNESSEE

JIM STRICKLAND
COUNCILMAN

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Mayor Willie Herenton
125 N. Main, Suite 700
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mayor Herenton:

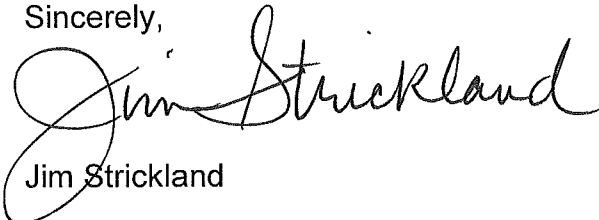
With respect to the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center, it appears that there is a significant variation in the reporting of State grants and reimbursements within the budget. In the FY 2010 budget, it shows the center's charges for services for 2009 to be \$100,000 adopted and \$81,548 forecasted.

State of Tennessee records show, however, that the reimbursement through March 31, 2009, to be \$538,200. The city has also received \$164,281 from the Victims of Crime Act, \$33,263 from the TN Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, \$21,100 from the Stop Violence Against Women Act, and additional money from the TN Department of Health Rape Prevention. In addition, approximately 10-15% of the victims come from Mississippi and Arkansas, and those states send reimbursements to the city.

As a result, I ask that you engage an independent auditor to review the handling and reporting of these State funds.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jim Strickland

cc: Keith McGee, CAO
Myron Lowery, Council Chairman